

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Mar. 28 – Apr 1, 2011  
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We appreciate your time in completing our short survey. We want to especially hear from our parents. See bottom of this question for the link to our survey. This is the last week for the survey. If you haven't completed it yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Which book written by parents of a young deaf girl and first published in 1977 advocated for the use of sign language instead of oral methods of education?

- a. *They Grow in Silence*
- b. *Deaf Daughter, Hearing Father*
- c. *Deaf Like Me*
- d. *Words for a Deaf Daughter and Gala*

Scroll down for the answer.

Answer: “c” - *Deaf Like Me* by Thomas and James Spradley was first published in 1977. It has been updated and republished several times since then. In 1985 it was republished with an Epilogue written by Lynn Spradley the deaf daughter about whom the book was originally written. This book recounts the real life experience of the Spradley family and their deaf daughter. After being strongly advised to choose the oral method of education by doctors and other professionals, the family discovers over several years that their daughter is not learning and developing as she should. The family becomes increasingly frustrated that they cannot communicate easily with their daughter nor she with them. This is the story of their family journey to discover American Sign Language and Deaf culture and raise their daughter with sign language. *Deaf Like Me* is a classic and should be on the reading list for all parents of deaf children.

All of the books mentioned in the Answer choices are actual book titles and good reads. Check out all of these books at Amazon or other book seller.

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